

**Bay Delta Conservation Plan
Principals Meeting
State Issues List
August 9, 2010**

This document is organized into four broad, inter-related categories: 1) regulatory approach; 2) covered activities and conservation strategy; 3) implementation; and 4) EIR/EIS. *This is a master list of issues for consideration by principals, not a proposed sequence for addressing them.*

Regulatory Approach

1. Regulatory Approach
 - a. What will be the nature of regulatory assurances under BDCP?
 - b. Should the SWP and CVP contractors receive take authorization under the BDCP?
 - c. Should the BDCP include provisions to support a finding that the plan meets the requirements of Fish and Game Code section 2081, in addition to the NCCPA? (STATE ISSUE)
2. Dedication and Management of (b)(2) Water
 - a. What will be nature of assurances that no additional export reductions will be implemented under section 3406(b)(2)?

Covered Activities/Conservation Strategy

1. Covered Activities
 - a. What is the size and configuration of water facilities needed to implement water operations conservation measures and meet water reliability needs?
2. Near-term water operations
 - a. What are the near-term water operations (under existing infrastructure) conservation measures?
 - b. How will sideboards that define real-time component of operations be defined or characterized? What will be the scope and limits?
 - c. What is the adaptive management range for water operations?
 - d. What would be the process that would allow for changes in water operations?
 - e. What are near-term water supply goals?
3. Long-term water operations
 - a. What are the long-term water operations (with new conveyance facilities) conservation measures?
 - b. How will sideboards that define the limits of the real-time component of operations be defined or characterized?
 - c. What is the adaptive range for long-term water operations?
 - d. What are long-term water supply goals?

4. Habitat Restoration
 - a. As informed by effects analysis, should adjustments be made to the habitat restoration targets?
5. Other Stressors
 - a. As informed by effects analysis, are there “other stressor” actions proposed to be added to conservation measures? (e.g. Does new information regarding the effects of nitrogen on aquatic species warrant modifications to Other Stressor measures?)

Implementation

1. Governance
 - a. What type of entity implements the plan?
 - b. How would independent science be integrated into the decision-making processes?
2. Role of Contractors
 - a. What interest, if any, will contractors have in conveyance facilities?
 - b. What role, if any, will contractors play in operation and maintenance?
 - c. Will contractors be permittees?
 - d. What role will contractors play in implementing the BDCP?
3. Cost & Funding
 - a. How are costs allocated between regulatory beneficiaries and the public at large?
 - b. How is funding allocated among beneficiaries?
 - c. How is funding allocated between the state and federal government?

EIR/EIS

1. Purpose and Need Statement
 - a. Should a new version be published?
2. Involvement of the contractors
 - a. What is the process for contractor review of effects analysis and administrative drafts?
3. Public Review and Comment
 - a. Should the draft BDCP and draft EIR/EIS be released for public comment sequentially or concurrently?